

To: All Parents/Carers of Cowes Enterprise College Pupils
Cc: Alan Wells Chair Cowes Enterprise College Governing Body
Stuart Love Director Economy and Environment Isle of Wight Council
Jonathan Russell – Principal Cowes Enterprise College
All Trustees
All Governors

12th December 2012

Dear Parent or Carer

Cowes Enterprise College – New Build

In line with our desire to keep everyone informed of developments concerning the new Cowes Enterprise College building, I would like to make you aware of an important decision.

Having carefully considered all the issues and having taken on board the views of the College staff, through the representation of their Professional Associations and Unions, we have reluctantly come to the decision that the College will not occupy the new building during this academic year (September 2012 to August 2013).

This decision has not been taken lightly but has been based on a desire to ensure a stability and continuity in learning for your children. The failure to move, through no fault of the College, its Governing Body or Trust, at the November half term, led to significant disruption. Whilst we are sure it is everybody's desire to be in a new building, we do not wish to see a loss of focus to your children's achievement in the remainder of this academic year. Many pupils have examinations in January, which will be quickly followed by those in the summer. It is a consistent view that these pupils and their teachers are best served by a clear decision on any move and the avoidance of any further disruption to their learning. Whilst we all share the disappointment in this decision, we can now plan with the Local Authority how learning can be supported and where possible enhanced during our remaining time in the current building.

At this stage, significant progress is being made, in respect to the problems with the new building. We have been able to establish a positive partnership with the current Local Authority team who are fully committed, as we are, to solving the problems; and at the earliest opportunity getting us into occupation of what will still be an exceptional learning environment for all your children.

Yours sincerely



Rachael Fidler
Chair Cowes Pathfinder Trust